The Honorable Michael K. Powell Chairman Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Powell:

I am writing to urge your support of the pending merger between Echostar and Direct TV. As a rural resident, cable is not available to me and so neither are my local TV stations nor DSL. By allowing this merger, I would be able to access to these services which are already readily available to urban and suburban areas. Please consider the thousand of rural residents who could benefit from this action and support the merger.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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